Progress of fencing in Jammu and Kashmir

1023. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposal to shifting fence on extreme border in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the progress of how much work has been done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes Sir. The Government has decided to shift border fencing close to the India-Pakistan International Border (IB) in Jammu sector on a stretch of 38.015 km, wherein, border fencing was constructed earlier at a distance varying from 400 meters to 1500 meters away from the International Border (IB) due to then prevailing circumstances.

(b) The physical execution of work has already commenced in April, 2007. The earth leveling work is in progress, at present.

Measures to contain crime against women

†1024. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the large number of incidents of rapes against women and girls in different parts of country;

(b) the measure being adopted by Government to contain such incidents; and

(c) whether Government will consider to make existing legislation more stringent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Number of incidents of rapes against women and girls in last 3 years is enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(b) As "law and order" is a State subject all State Government have been sent advisories by the Central Government/MHA for improving the administration of criminal justice system and to take all such measures necessary for the prevention of crimes against women including setting up of separate Police Stations for women.

(c) The Law Commission in its 172nd Report on review of Rape laws has recommended a number of changes in the rape laws. Besides the National Commission for Commission for Women have also recommended changes in the rape laws. Since the Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure are in the concurrent list of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and the same are being administered by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, they have been requested to offer their views on the recommendations of the National Commission for Women.

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